

Claims

1. An improved bolt face for a firearm of the type having a frame defining a longitudinally extending ejection chamber, a barrel having a bore adapted to receive a cartridge of a selected caliber disposed in the frame, a slide or bolt
5 arranged to move longitudinally between a forward and a rearward position with respect to said frame and said barrel, said slide or bolt defining a breechblock portion having a longitudinal hole therethrough, a firing pin longitudinally slidable in said longitudinal hole to enable it to strike the cartridge when the slide or bolt is in the forward position, an extractor adapted
10 to match the selected caliber of the cartridge, and an ejector fixed to the frame and extending into said ejection chamber, **characterized in that:**

said breechblock portion defines a semi-circular groove coaxial with said longitudinal hole,

said firearm having a bolt face insert comprising a body defining
15 a semi-circular rim adapted to removably fit into said semi-circular groove,

said body having a breechblock side facing the frame
breechblock portion and having an oppositely disposed bolt face side facing the extraction chamber when the insert rim is inserted into the
20 breechblock groove, and

said insert bolt face side adapted to match the selected caliber of said cartridge

2. The combination according to Claim 1, wherein said bolt face insert
25 further defines a longitudinal ejector slot located and dimensioned to receive said ejector when said slide or bolt move to a rearward position.

3. The combination according to Claim 1, wherein said bolt face insert further defines an extractor groove adapted to receive said extractor.

AMENDED CLAIMS

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4. The combination according to Claim 1, wherein said bolt face insert further defines a central hole therethrough located in the body so as to be aligned with said longitudinal hole in said breechblock portion when the insert rim is inserted into the semi-circular groove.

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10 5. A bolt face insert for providing a readily changeable bolt face for a bolt or a slide of a firearm, said bolt face insert comprising a body having a longitudinal axis and defining a semi-circular rim disposed about said axis, said body defining a hole therethrough along said axis, said bolt face insert defining a longitudinal ejector slot through said body extending parallel to said axis, and said bolt face insert further defining an extractor groove through said semi-circular rim extending perpendicular to said axis.